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Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran/Military-Related Events in Iowa

This event listing is compiled by Jill Joseph, Outreach Coordinator, IDVA. It provides information about veteran-related events as provided to the IDVA office. IDVA's endeavor is to ensure that interested individuals and organizations are aware of these events. An updated listing will be distributed on the first and middle of each month. ***Please send details on events, including the 11 key pieces of information outlined below, to: jill.joseph@iowa.gov.*** We appreciate your efforts to put the information in the following order:

1. Name of Event, 2. Date of Event, 3. Time of Event, 4. Location of Event, 5. Address of Event, 6. City, 7. State, 8. Point of Contact, 9. POC's Phone #, 10. POC's email address, 11. Additional details/coordinating instructions

Listed Chronologically

2015

March 2015

- ♦ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Meeting, 2 March 2015**, 6:30 pm, Swisher American Legion, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Roger Walton, 319-361-3670, r.r.walton@mchsi.com. *Note: Meetings held the first Monday of each month.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 2 March 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 2 March 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Meeting, 3 March 2015**, 7:00 pm, 111 Center Ave., Mitchellville, IA 50169, Dean Brand, 515-957-0682, robert.d.brand4ctr@mail.mil. *Note: Post 155 meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Thursday Meal (Prime Rib - \$14.00), 5 March 2015**, 6-7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **ISERVE (I Support, Education, and Resources for Veterans, and Enlisted) Meet & Greet, 6 March 2015**, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, N140 Lindquist – The Teacher Leader Center, College of Education, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Tim Bosch, 319-335-5544, tim-bosch@uiowa.edu. *Note: Come to the Meet and Greet to learn more about ISERVE in the College of Education. A revolving slide show featuring college of Education members' connection to military service will run during the event. Refreshments provided.*
- ♦ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Lenten Fish Fry, 6 March 2015**, 5-8 pm, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Mary Bryan, 319-857-4687, myb9855@aol.com. *Note: All you care to eat fish (\$11); also available: Shrimp (\$14), chicken strips (\$8). All meals include the salad bar. We are open to the public.*

- ♦ **VFW Post #788 Lenten Fish Fry, 6 March 2015**, 5-7 pm, 3240 Southgate Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, Heidi (bar manager) 319-364-7752, mvb9855@aol.com. *Note: Baked or fried fish, hash browns or baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter.*
- ♦ **Sons of AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Steak Dinner, 6 March 2015**, 5:30 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th St., Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly dinner held on the 1st Friday of the month. Cost is \$11; open to all.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Friday Dances, 6 March 2015**, (Country Classics), 7:00-10:30 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat) 7 March 2015**, 7:00-10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, Mitchellville, IA 50169, Dean Brand, 515-957-0682 or 515-360-0774, drbrand@mediacombb.net. *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00 kids under and under are free.*
- ♦ **Town Hall Meeting, 7 March, 2015**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 3:00 pm, St. Ambrose University, Rogalski Center, Greg Paulline, VVA Chapter 776, 563-650-3055. *Note: Sponsored by VVA, American Legions, and VFW in the Quad Cities. The meeting will address the generational effects of Agent Orange Dioxin and the effects of burn pits and Persian Gulf War Syndrome. Please invite Vietnam brothers and sisters and their families to this FREE event. Information will be offered on Agent Orange and burn pits and on family medical issues caused by Agent Orange and burn pits.*
- ♦ **UNI Army ROTC Dining Out, 7 March 2015**, Dubuque Golf and country Club, 1800 Randall Place, Dubuque, IA 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Mr. Dan Kammiller, University of Dubuque ROTC, 563-589-3804 or Ms. Jennifer Nunez, UNI ROTC, 319-273-6178.
- ♦ **Sons of AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Steak & Eggs Breakfast, 8 March 2015**, 9:00 am, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th St., Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 1st Sunday of the month; cost is \$6.50; open to all.*
- ♦ **Des Moines VA Town Hall Meeting & VA Claims Clinic, 9 March 2015**, 3:00 – 6:00 pm: VA Claims Clinic; 4:00 – 6:00 pm: Town Hall Meeting, VA Medical Center, 3600 30th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310, Building 1W, Kristi Catrenich, 515-699-5588, Kristi.Catrenich@va.gov. *Note: The Town Hall is open to veterans, families, survivors, and any organization or individual who works with or on behalf of veterans. From 3-4 pm on the same day, they will also have several information tables and a benefits claim clinic for veterans. The intent is to share information, hear feedback, and answer questions on VA medical care, VA compensation claims, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and education benefit programs.*
- ♦ **Iowa Veterans Council Meeting, 10 March 2015**, 1:00 pm, PVA Headquarters, 3703½ Douglas Ave, Des Moines, IA, David Thornburg, 515-229-8943, tankrockape@live.com.
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Thursday Meal (Corned Beef & Cabbage - \$8.00), 12 March 2015**, 6-7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 12 March 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ♦ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Lenten Fish Fry, 13 March 2015**, 5-8 pm, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Mary Bryan, 319-857-4687, mvb9855@aol.com. *Note: All you care to eat fish (\$11); also available: Shrimp (\$14), chicken strips (\$8). All meals include the salad bar. We are open to the public.*
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- ♦ **VFW Post 775 Fish Fry, 13 March, 2015**, 5:30 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA. Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, vfw775@hotmail.com. *Note: Price \$9.00 for Dine in, \$9.50 for carry outs. Carryout start at 5:00 p.m. Craft & Bake sale also.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Friday Dances, 13 March 2015**, (Coon Ridge Country), 7:00-10:30 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, 15 March, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy 641-684-6373, jmulca46@msn.com. *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*

- ♦ **VVA Chapter 667 Monthly Meeting, March 15, 2015**, 5:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Bill Farley 641-929-3326, bjfarley@netins.net. *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ♦ **Veteran and Families Appreciation Summit, 16 May 2015**, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Aaron & Michelle Kruse Farm, 1957 Meadowlark Road Decorah, IA 52101, Michelle McClain-Kruse, 563-419-8318, thunderrode2006@yahoo.com. *Note: Special Features: Mobile Vet Center, Speakers, Chair Massages, Equine Assisted Therapy Demos and more.*
- ♦ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 17 Mar 2015**, 7:00 pm, PVA Meeting Room, 3703½ Douglas Ave, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, rogerelliott48@gmail.com. *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend.*
- ♦ **VFW Pella Post 5242 monthly meeting, 17 March 2015 (3rd Tuesday of each month)**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, vfw.patstark@gmail.com.
- ♦ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, March 18, 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, vfw775@hotmail.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Thursday Meal (Chicken Fried Steak - \$8.00), 19 March 2015**, 6-7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
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- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Friday Dances, 20 March 2015**, (Stuck in Reverse), 7:00-10:30 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **American Legion Post 165 Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast, 21 March 2015**, 7:00 – 10:00 am, 105 West 1st Avenue, Indianola, IA, Kathy Fensterman, 515-961-0127, VA@co.warren.ia.us. *Note: Free will offering.*
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Thursday Meal (Iowa Chops - \$8.00), 12 March 2015**, 6-7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **Pocahontas County Veterans Appreciation, 21 March 2015**, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall, 250 Ralston Street, Laurens, IA, Orene Cressler, ocresslerpocahontasvaga@ncn.net, 712-335-3270.
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Friday Dances, 27 March 2015**, (Sugar Moon), 7:00-10:30 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Lenten Fish Fry, 27 March 2015**, 5-8 pm, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Mary Bryan, 319-857-4687, mvb9855@aol.com. *Note: All you care to eat fish (\$11); also available: Shrimp (\$14), chicken strips (\$8). All meals include the salad bar. We are open to the public.*
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- ♦ **Veterans Gardening Day, 28 March 2015**, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Veterans Memorial Building, 50 2nd Avenue Bridge, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, John Mikelson, Midwest Military Outreach, 319-321-1387, jmikelson16@gmail.com. *Note: Free event. Join area Master Gardeners in learning about urban and community gardening. Programs on accessibility, sustainability, soils, container gardening and the 734th ADT mission in Afghanistan. Lunch and seeds provided. This is a public event so bring your non vet friends too!*
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-gardening-day-tickets-15590969008?aff=eandprexshre&ref=eandprexshre>.
- ♦ **Posting of the Colors at the 132nd Annual Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, 28 March, 2015**, 10:00 am, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa 50131, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: Members of the Color Guard will post the colors prior to the business meeting.*

April 2015

- ◆ **Sons of AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Steak Dinner, 3 April 2015**, 5:30 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th St., Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetstpost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly dinner held on the 1st Friday of the month. Cost is \$11; open to all.*
- ◆ **VFW Post #788 Lenten Fish Fry, 3 April 2015**, 5-7 pm, 3240 Southgate Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, Heidi (bar manager) 319-364-7752, mvb9855@aol.com. *Note: Baked or fried fish, hash browns or baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter.*
- ◆ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat) 4 April 2015**, 7:00-10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, Mitchellville, IA 50169, Dean Brand, 515-957-0682 or 515-360-0774, drbrand@mediacombb.net. *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00 kids under and under are free.*
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- ◆ **Sesquicentennial Observance of the End of the Civil War, to be held at two venues and times, on 9 April, 2015** at 3:00 pm sharp, Iowa Soldiers and Sailors Monument, South grounds of the Iowa Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: Guardsmen of the 49th Iowa will assist Governor Terry E. Branstad in the laying of a wreath on the steps of the monument to the 76,534 Iowans who served; and the 13,151 who perished in the American Civil War 1861-1865.*
- ◆ **Woodland Cemetery, "Grande Illumination", on 9 April, 2015**, 7:00 until 9:00 pm, MLK Parkway and Woodland Avenues in Des Moines, Iowa, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: Lighted candles as "luminaries" will be placed upon the graves of nearly 400 Civil War veterans at rest in the two Grand Army of the Republic Sections of the cemetery. Uniformed personnel from the 49th Iowa will be walking post as "Silent Sentries" in both sections and on hand to answer questions about Iowa in the Civil War. The public will be invited to enter the cemetery to observe and photograph the scenes. At 9:00 pm the Regimental Bugler will blow "Taps" and the candles will be extinguished one-by-one before the unit marches out of the cemetery, officially ending the Sesquicentennial Observances of the Civil War.*
- ◆ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 9 April 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetstpost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ◆ **VFW Post 775 Fish Fry, April 10, 2015**, 5:30 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, vfw775@hotmail.com. *Note: Price \$9.00 for Dine in, \$9.50 for carry outs. Carryout starts at 5:00 p.m. Craft & Bake sale also; this will be the last fish fry for this season – the next one will be October 9, 2015*
- ◆ **President Lincoln's Tomb, 11 April, 2015**, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: the 49th Iowa will undertake duties as Provost Guard, and our annual ceremonial watch as Tomb Guard at the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln, in Springfield, Illinois.*
- ◆ **St. Luke's Civil War Benefit Concert for Fisher House Foundation, 12 April 2015**, starting at 2:00 pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3424 Forest Ave., Des Moines, IA, Jim McLallen, 563-249-2824, jpm472011@hotmail.com. *Note: April 9, 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War when General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. St. Luke's Episcopal Church will recognize that anniversary by holding a concert of Civil War era songs. The concert will be performed by an all-male chorus recruited from St. Luke's parishioners, and the Theta Chi & Sigma Chi fraternities from their next door neighbor, Drake University. A free will offering will be collected with 100% of the donations provided to the*

Fisher House Foundation. A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. There are 64 Fisher Houses located in the United States and Germany. For further information about the Fisher House program, visit: www.fisherhouse.org.

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- ♦ **Vietnam War 50th anniversary, 18 April 2015**, Luncheon with local ARVN Troops from the Quad Cities at American Legion Post 26. Contact Lyle Peterson, 563-386-1286 to learn more.
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- ♦ **Miracles on Motion Patriots Day Picnic, 19 April 2015**, 11:00 am - ???, Miracles in Motion, 2049 120th Street NW, Swisher, IA 52338, John Mikelson, 329-321-1387, jmikelson16@gmail.com. *Note: Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/miracles-in-motion-patriots-day-picnic-tickets-15674519911?aff=eandmyevshre&ref=eandmyevshre>*
- ♦ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, April 19, 2015**, 5:00 p.m., Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-684-6373, jmulca46@msn.com. *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except Father's Day.*
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- ♦ **Lincoln's Funeral Train Recreation, April 31, May 1 & 2, 2015**, in Springfield, Illinois, www.The2015LincolnFuneralTrain.com. Recreation of the funeral train that bore the body of President Lincoln home to Springfield from Washington, D.C. following his assassination in April, 1865. Various events and venues in and around Springfield, Illinois will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death and burial of our Sixteenth president. *Note: The 49th Iowa will be participating in several activities in Springfield, Illinois, surrounding this event.*

May 2015

- ♦ **Sons of AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Steak Dinner, 1 May 2015**, 5:30 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th St., Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetstpost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly dinner held on the 1st Friday of the month. Cost is \$11; open to all.*
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- ♦ **Joining Community Forces (JCF) meeting, 4 May 2015**, 9:00 am, Rec Hall, Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA, Sondra VanDerPol, HRCI Contractor & Family Assistance Center Coordinator, 515-252-4758, Sondra.I.vanderpol.ctr@mail.mil. *Note: Joining Community Forces (JCF) is a meeting designed to connect veteran & military services to improve communication between services for the best treatment and benefit of service members & their families. All meetings begin at 8:30 am with coffee, registration, and networking; discussion of topics & issues begins at 9:00 am.*
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- ♦ **UNI Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 9 May 2015**, 8:00 am – 9:30 am, Seerley Hall Reading Room, UNI Campus, Cedar Falls, IA, Jon Thompson, 319-273-6225, jon.thompson@uni.edu.
- ♦ **Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, 7 May 2014**, beginning at 11:00 am at the Iowa Vietnam Memorial, located on the south side of the State Capitol in Des Moines, IA. *Note: Watch for important details about this special event.*
- ♦ **University of Dubuque Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 14 May 2015**, 11:30 pm – 12:30 pm, University of Dubuque, Myers Building, UD Campus, Dubuque, IA, Jon Thompson, 319-273-6225, jon.thompson@uni.edu.
- ♦ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 14 May 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetpost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ♦ **All Lady Veterans Campout, 15-17 May 2015**, English River Outfitters, 2564 305th St., Washington, IA 52353, Michelle, 319-795-0126 or see flyer at: www.englishriveroutfitters.org.
- ♦ **Puppy Jake Foundation Event, 16 May, 2015**, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #109, 6567 Bloomfield Road, Des Moines, IA, 50315, Doris Kennedy, 515-554-2070. *Note: The 49th Iowa has committed to having a uniformed presence at this funds-raising event to provide Companion Dogs to warriors suffering from PTSD.*
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- ♦ **Paws and Effect Fishing and Camping Trip, 22-24 May 2015**, English River Outfitters, 2564 305th St., Washington, IA 52353, Daniel Gorchals, danielgorchals@paws-effect.org.
- ♦ **Rendering of Full Military Honors for Sgt. Isaac Ford, Co. "I", 2nd Iowa Cavalry, 24 May, 2015**, 1:00 pm, Junction Township Cemetery, Greene County, Iowa, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: The Regimental Honor Guard unit will provide Full Military Honors at the newly installed gravestone for Sgt. Ford that were not performed upon his death.*
- ♦ **Memorial Day, 25 May 2015**
- ♦ **Conveyance Ceremony, Memorial Day, 25 May, 2015**, time not as yet determined, Iowa Veterans Cemetery at Van Meter, Iowa, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: The 49th Iowa is gifting to the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, an original 1930s era large bronze plaque featuring a bas relief portrait of Abraham Lincoln and the entire text of his immortal "Gettysburg address" in honor of the 13,151 Iowan troops who perished in the American Civil War. The plaque will be permanently mounted inside of the Committal Building at the Cemetery.*

- ◆ **Memorial Day Ceremony at Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 25 May 2015**, 8:00 am, Van Meter, IA.
- ◆ **Memorial Day: Resthaven Cemetery & McLaren's Chapel will Hosts 84th Annual Memorial Day Service of Remembrance, 25 May 2015**, 11:00 am, 801 19th Street, West Des Moines, IA, Cheryl TanCreti, 515-225-7225, Cheryl.tancreti@dignitymemorial.com. *Note: Lunch will be provided following the ceremony.*
- ◆ **Memorial Day Veteran's Trail Ceremony, 25 May 2015**, 1:30 pm, Coralville Reservoir, 2850 Prairie Du Chien Rd NE, Iowa City, IA, East Overlook on east side of the dam, Major General Robert Sentman (Ret.), 319-545-2480, robell@southslope.net. *Note: Since 1988, 167 veterans have been honored on seven monuments engraved with their names and placed on this national recreation trail at Coralville Lake. This year 7 veterans will be inducted. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend. The Nature Trail is accessible for those with disabilities, including wheelchair accommodations and numerous resting areas.*
- ◆ **The Barnstormers Military Appreciation Night, 30 May 2015**, 7:05 pm, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA, Rachel Zaccarelli – Director of ticket sales – 515-564-8452, rzaccarelli@theiowabarnstormers.com.

June 2015

- ◆ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Meeting, 1 June 2015**, 6:30 pm, Swisher American Legion, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Roger Walton, 319-361-3670, r.r.walton@mchsi.com. *Note: Meetings held the first Monday of each month.*
- ◆ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 1 June 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Meeting, 2 June 2015**, 7:00 pm, 111 Center Ave., Mitchellville, IA 50169, Dean Brand, 515-957-0682, robert.d.brand4ctr@mail.mil. *Note: Post 155 meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm.*
- ◆ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 2 June 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ◆ **94th Ann VFW Department of Iowa State Convention, 4 June through 7 June 2015**, Isle of Capri Casino Hotel, 1800 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722, POC: Jerry Black, 515-255-2139, vfw Iowa@qwestoffice.net.
- ◆ **Sons of AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Steak Dinner, 5 Jun 2015**, 5:30 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th St., Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly dinner held on the 1st Friday of the month. Cost is \$11; open to all.*
- ◆ **Mitchellville American Legion Post 155 Pancake Breakfast, (Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk & coffee, all you can eat) 6 June 2015**, 7:00-10:00 am, 111 Center Ave, Mitchellville, IA 50169, Dean Brand, 515-957-0682 or 515-360-0774, drbrand@mediacombb.net. *Note: Adults-\$5.00 kids 5-12-\$2.00 kids under and under are free.*
- ◆ **Sons of AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Steak & Eggs Breakfast, 7 Jun 2015**, 9:00 am, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th St., Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 1st Sunday of the month; cost is \$6.50; open to all.*
- ◆ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 11 Jun 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ◆ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 16 June 2015**, 7:00 pm, PVA Meeting Room, 3703½ Douglas Ave, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, rogerelliott48@gmail.com. *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend.*
- ◆ **VFW Pella Post 5242 monthly meeting, 16 June 2015 (3rd Tuesday of each month)**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, vfw.patstark@gmail.com.
- ◆ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, 20 June 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, vfw775@hotmail.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month*
- ◆ **4 County Veterans Benefits Fair, 18 June 2015**, 1:00 – 6:00 pm, Fairgrounds Dreamland Building, 327 North Maple, Postville, IA 52162. Allamakee County VA 563-568-6135; Winneshiek County VA 563-382-5786; Fayette County VA 319-283-3329; Clayton County VA 563-245-1865. *Note: presented by Allamakee, Winneshiek, Fayette and Clayton County VA Offices.*

- ◆ **Cherokee Veterans Appreciation Day, 20 June 2015**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Cherokee Fair Grounds on Hwy 59 South, Cherokee, IA, Dana Evans, 712-225-6319, cherokeevets@gmail.com. *Note: Korean War Veterans will be honored this year. Many VA personnel and vendors will be in attendance. On June 19, Friday night, there will be a band.*
- ◆ **Eddyville's 175th Anniversary Celebration, 27 June, 2015**, 1:00pm, in the City Park, Eddyville, Iowa, 1/Lt. David M. Lamb, 515-986-4825, digger1@q.com. *Note: The 49th Iowa will have a uniformed presence and informational displays in the City Park at Eddyville for the afternoon events there in celebration of the town's 175 years.*

July 2015

- ◆ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Meeting, 6 July 2015**, 6:30 pm, Swisher American Legion, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Roger Walton, 319-361-3670, r.r.walton@mchsi.com. *Note: Meetings held the first Monday of each month.*
- ◆ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 6 July 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@gmail.com.
- ◆ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 7 July 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ◆ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 9 July 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetstpost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ◆ **English River Outfitters Bike Jamboree and Street Dance, 10-12 July 2015**, Camander's Bar & Grill, 206 E. Washington St., Brighton, IA 52540, POC - Chuck, 563-357-4923 or see flyer at www.englishriveroutfitters.org. *Note: There will be a Ride in Car & Bike Show, Poker Run, Bar-B-Q cook-off, vendors, bands...great food and fun!*
- ◆ **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 39-3 APR Benefit Ride/Cruise, 11 July 2015**, Registration begins at 7:00 am and ends at 11:00 am; ride starts at 11:00, 129 Main Street, Elkport, IA, POC is Ed VanLennep, 563-255-2744. *Note: There will be a pre-ride Friday night. \$15 per bike or car and \$10 per additional rider. Bands Friday & Saturday night. On Friday night a fish fry is included with a donation; an auction will be held Saturday night. Camping is available. Contact POC if you have any questions regarding the ride.*
- ◆ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, 15 July 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, vfw775@hotmail.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month*
- ◆ **1st Annual Veteran's Appreciation Day at the Southern Iowa Fair, 17 July 2015**, 5:30 pm, 615 North I Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, Sharis Claver, 641-799-4085, sclaver05@gmail.com. *Note: Veteran's Day event will commence with a parade at 5:30. All active duty and retired military personnel will be given free admittance to the figure 8 Races in the Grand Stand on 17 July, races to start at 7:00 pm. Active duty personnel need only to show military ID. National Guard, Air force, Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard active, reserve, and retired soldiers are welcome. For additional info – or if you would like to participate in the events, contact Sharis Claver, Southern Iowa Fair Board.*
- ◆ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, 19 July, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy 641-684-6373, jmulca46@msn.com. *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ◆ **VVA Chapter 667 Monthly Meeting, 19 July, 2015**, 5:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Bill Farley 641-929-3326, bjfarley@netins.net. *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
- ◆ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 21 July 2015**, 7:00 pm, PVA Meeting Room, 3703½ Douglas Ave, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, rogerelliott48@gmail.com. *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend.*
- ◆ **VFW Pella Post 5242 monthly meeting, 21 July 2015 (3rd Tuesday of each month)**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, vfw.patstark@gmail.com.

August 2015

- ◆ **Swisher American Legion Post #671 Meeting, 3 August 2015**, 6:30 pm, Swisher American Legion, 68 3rd Street SE, Swisher, IA, Roger Walton, 319-361-3670, r.r.walton@mchsi.com. *Note: Meetings held the first Monday of each month.*

- ♦ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 3 August 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@gmail.com.
- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 4 August 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **Joining Community Forces (JCF) meeting, 13 August 2015**, 8:30 am, Iowa City Armory, Iowa City, IA, Sondra VanDerPol, HRCI Contractor & Family Assistance Center Coordinator, 515-252-4758, Sondra.l.vanderpol.ctr@mail.mil. *Note: Joining Community Forces (JCF) is a meeting designed to connect veteran & military services to improve communication between services for the best treatment and benefit of service members & their families. All meetings begin at 8:30 am with coffee, registration, and networking; discussion of topics & issues begins at 9:00 am.*
- ♦ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 13 August 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
- ♦ **DAV Chapter 1 Monthly Meeting, 16 August, 2015**, 5:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 413 S. Iowa Ave., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy 641-684-6373, jmulca46@msn.com. *Note: Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month except on Father's Day.*
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- ♦ **Veterans Day at the Iowa State Fair, 17 August 2015**, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Grand Concourse. Additional information to follow. Applications will be available soon.
- ♦ **VVA Chapter 490 General Meeting, 18 August 2015**, 7:00 pm, PVA Meeting Room, 3703½ Douglas Ave, Des Moines (Polk Co), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, rogerelliott48@gmail.com. *Everyone is welcome. Bring your spouse and/or a friend.*
- ♦ **VFW Pella Post 5242 monthly meeting, 18 August 2015 (3rd Tuesday of each month)**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Building, 829 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219, Patrick Stark, 641-780-9929, vfw.patstark@gmail.com.
- ♦ **VFW Post 775 Monthly Meeting, 19 August 2015**, 6:00 p.m., VFW Post Home, 702 W. Main St., Ottumwa, IA, Joe Mulcahy, 641-682-9678, vfw775@hotmail.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday each month*
- ♦ **Operation LZ, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans, 26-30 August 2015**, 24/7 ON Aug 26-30, Winnebago Rally Grounds, Forest City Municipal Airport, 1842 330th Street, Forest City, IA. POC: Bob Havner, 507-259-6218, brbluewz@internet2go.biz to register; <http://www.opertationlz.com> for further details. *Note: Camping will be available. Donations accepted to: City of Forest City Operation LZ, 216 S. 4th Street, Forest city, IA 50436.*

September 2015

- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 1 September 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
- ♦ **AMVETS Post 2 Monthly Meeting, 10 September 2015**, 7:00 pm, AMVETS Post 2, 2818 5th Street, Des Moines, IA, Mary Van Horn, 515-243-9398, amvetspost2200@yahoo.com. *Note: Monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*
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- ♦ **National Veterans TEE Tournament (Training, Exposure, Experience), 7-11 September 2015**, various golf courses located in the Iowa City area, Kirt Sickels, 319-358-5963, Kirt.Sickels@va.gov; Media Contact: Lori Montag, 319-358-5962, Lori.Montag@va.gov, Valerie Buckingham, 319-339-7104, Valerie.Buckingham@va.gov. *Note: A golf rehabilitation program as well as other recreational activities for veterans who are legally blind, amputees, those who use wheelchairs, and veterans with other disabilities. Golf events will take place at various courses located in the Iowa City area.*
- ♦ **Des Moines Stand Down, 11, 12, and 13 September 2015**. Stand Down opens at 5:00 pm Friday, September 11th and closes on Sunday, September 13th, Capitol Complex – East 13th & Walnut, Des Moines, IA, Kimberly Neal, 515-669-3732, Kimberly.neal@va.gov.

- ♦ **VFW POST 9668 Monthly Business Meeting, 14 September 2015**, 7:00 p.m., VFW State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, Robert Forbes 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@gmail.com.
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October 2015

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- ♦ **VFW Post 9662 Monthly Meeting, 5 October 2015**, 7:00 p.m., 1309 NE 66th Avenue, Des Moines, IA, Dave Campbell, 515-554-5772, saylordave1@aol.com.
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♦ **Veterans Day, Wednesday, 11 Nov 2015**

- ♦ **Davenport Veterans Day Parade, 11 November 2015**, 10:00 am, 4th & Western Scott County parking lots (start of parade route), Davenport (Scott), IA
- ♦ **Joining Community Forces (JCF) meeting, 12 November 2015**, 8:30 am, Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA, Sondra VanDerPol, HRCI Contractor & Family Assistance Center Coordinator, 515-252-4758, Sondra.I.vanderpol.ctr@mail.mil. *Note: Joining Community Forces (JCF) is a meeting designed to connect veteran & military services to improve communication between services for the best treatment and benefit of service members & their families. All meetings begin at 8:30 am with coffee, registration, and networking; discussion of topics & issues begins at 9:00 am.*
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